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SACWN

SACRAMENTO AREA CAREER WOMEN'S NETWORK INC.

SACWN PRESENTS..

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER

"I LOVE COMEDY" CONCERT

Returning by popular demand, Suzanne Westenhoefer will perform for SACWN on Valentine's evening at the Crest Theater. Last year, her performance produced by SACWN, sold out a week before the concert.

Suzanne is well known nationally. She has appeared on HBO's Comic Relief, Caroline's Comedy Hour and Comedy Central. She was the first out lesbian ever to have her own HBO Special which was nominated for the highest honor in cable programming, the ACE Award. She is a regular on Olivia Cruises and has entertained from coast to coast.

Join SACWN for the "I Love Comedy Concert", you'll just love Suzanne!

Date: Saturday, February 14, 1998
Place: Crest Theater
1013 K street, Sacramento
Time: 8 p.m.
Tickets: $ 15 Members
$ 20 Non-members and
At the Door

See ticket order form on inside back cover.

An event for the entire community.

From the Editor

We anticipate that it will be an exciting time during the next six weeks as hundreds of women come to the SACWN office for tickets to the Westenhoefer Concert. It was that way last year. We are confident that the concert will be a sell out this year from the phone calls and inquiries that have already occurred. One eager woman found us walking the dog outside the office on a Saturday and asked to buy tickets. There is obvious excitement!

This newsletter is being mailed to SACWN members before any other publicity will appear to give you the first opportunity to buy tickets. So do consider buying your tickets early.

It would be wonderful if all of the SACWN events were embraced so enthusiastically by the community. Unfortunately, the Snow White Ball was not well attended. The Steering Committee made many changes this year based on the input from last year's attendees. There was a new band, dance classes ahead of time, more food and a great bartender. But the critical mass of people needed to support the Ball didn't appear.

SACWN needs your help. We need to continually identify women who are interested supporting SACWN and attending the events produced by SACWN. While we have over 2,000 women in our database and are constantly updating the information, we know there are hundreds, maybe thousands, of lesbians who never hear from SACWN. Would you help us?

Our mailing list is never sold. It is only used by SACWN for the marketing of events. All of our mailings are discreet. We never put the L-word where the mail carrier will see it. So would you share with us the names and addresses of lesbians in your "family of friends" who might enjoy knowing, first hand, about SACWN programs? You can send the info in the mail, (see the form on page 7) or fax it to us. Thanks.

Also back by popular demand is another series of dance classes taught by John Batchelor for SACWN. While the classes got off to a slow start last year, they gained real momentum by the end of the year. This time we have changed the day to Saturday at 2 p.m. at Sierra 2. For $25 you will have six weeks of swing and ballroom dance lessons. Great fun, exercise and preparation for a SACWN Summer Dance.

Looking ahead, we are planning a concert on April 25 with Cris Williamson and Tret Fury at the 24th Street Theater at Sierra 2. There will be the Sacramento Women's Gathering in July and our intimate Salons with SACWN throughout the year.

SACWN provides a special place for you to experience lesbian culture. We think this is still very important in our lives. Please help us through your support and participation in SACWN events.

We wish you a very happy and healthy new year.

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Letters to the Editor, articles and community announcements are welcome. Materials submitted may be edited and shortened based on available space. Deadline for submission of material is the third Friday of the month before publication. For more information, contact Sandy Virago at 451-8034.

Special Interest Groups - January, 1998

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are small groups of women who meet around a common interest. It's a great way to meet other lesbians in an informal environment. Just give the facilitator a call and she'll be glad to tell you all about the group and their activities.

TOP 10

January's dinner will be at the Hungry Hunter on Bercut. Come ring in the new year with us on January 3, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

February 7th, we will be meeting at Cafe Vinoteca Italian Bistro, 3535 Fair Oaks Boulevard , at 6 p.m. RVSP to Paula at 967-0560 by February 5th.

TOP 10 is a group of women over 50 and women who love women over 50! We meet at least once a month at restaurants around town. Occasionally we have fun at home parties. Come join us for an evening of fun!

THE BOOK GROUP

Interested in participating in discussion of books? Call **Joy 452-5513** to put your name on the list to be notified of future meetings.

1/2 FAST HIKING GROUP

We're an active, well-organized group which gets together once a month to go day hiking. Please call for details. Join us ! Ann 443-3638 and Sue 927-8320.

SINGLES GROUP

We've had some great parties in the last two months. Thank you so much to our gracious Holiday Party Hostess. What a lovely event.

Our planned Sunday Tea for this month has been cancelled unfortunately. We need more women willing to open their homes for parties. If you are interested in hosting an event for January or the future please call Suzanne at 452-9619 or Betty at 731-7192.

New members or old, feel free to call for any information regarding the singles group.

NEW COMERS

New to the community? New to SACWN? Or do you just want to come out and meet new friends? You are invited to join the other women at a brunch on Saturday, **January 10, at 11:30 a.m. at Maxi's Opera Cafe** located in the Market Square Plaza at the Arden Fair Mall. RSVP to **Diana 487-3124** by Thursday, January 8.

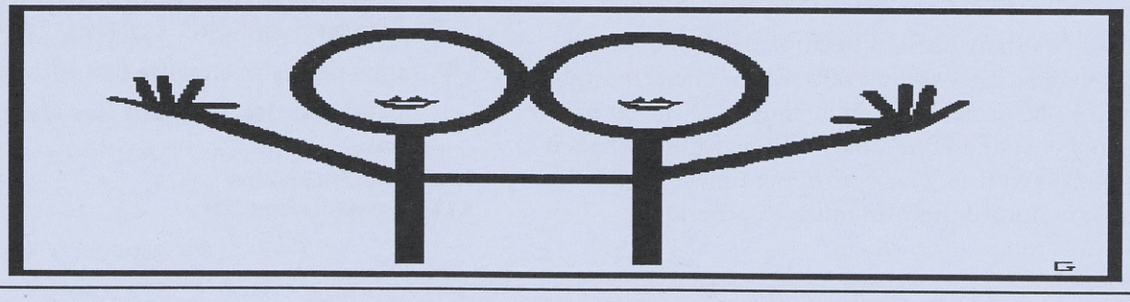
ABOUT THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Is there something you like to do, that you'd rather not do alone? Or do you and your partner want to meet other women who share similar interests? Facilitating a SACWN Special Interest Group (SIG) is a great way to make that happen.

The rules are simple. You set the date, plan the happening and call the SACWN office to let us know. That part's easy too. Just dictate your announcement on to the answering machine or to make sure it's spelled right in the newsletter, fax it in.

Information is needed by the third Friday of the month before publication. The SIG needs to advertise only in SACWN, and all SACWN members must be welcome to attend. No funds may be collected by the SIGs, except those that will be used directly in that event (paper plates and napkin, that kind of collection for reimbursement is okay, but no admission may be charged by the facilitator.)

If I don't hear from you about your SIG for two months running, I consider you are not meeting and will pull the ad. There is an obligation on your part to communicate with this office to remain supported, but that's all there is to it. It's a great way to meet people, a wonderful way to build community.



SACWN CALENDAR

SACWN EVENTS

JANUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 28
SWING AND BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

Join SACWN and incredible dance instructor John Batchelor at Sierra 2 on 6 consecutive Saturdays and shed those two left feet. John will have you dancing and enjoying it. Just $25 per person for the lessons.

FEBRUARY 14
I LOVE COMEDY CONCERT
WITH SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER
BE A SACWN SWEETHEART SPONSOR

Bringing a performer of the caliber of Suzanne to SACWN is an enormous undertaking and financial risk. To assist in keeping the concert ticket price as low as possible, SACWN is seeking Sweetheart Sponsorships. For $50, our Sweethearts will receive a ticket to the concert, with a guaranteed "up front, first three rows" seat, and admission to a private post-show party to schmooze with the star. The party will be held at 1201 K Street, less than 2 blocks from the theater.

See the order form on page 8 for the purchase of tickets. Please note that this concert will be open to the entire community.

MARCH 6
SACWN NIGHT AT LAMBDA PLAYERS
"THE CAPTIVE"

Board a luxury liner for a trip back in time to Paris where a young lesbian struggles with her desires and the morals and family values of 1920's. This classic played successfully in Paris and Berlin but was banned from Broadway in 1927 for its pro-lesbian content and has not been produced since. At the Geery Theater 2130 L Street in Sacramento. See the next SACWN newsletter for ticket info.

APRIL 25
CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET FURY
IN CONCERT

Chris Williamson has been writing and playing music for women since the late 60's. She is one of the most outstanding performers of lesbian music. With her partner of many years Tret Fury, they will perform from their latest album as well as "classics" of our times. Mark your calendar now for a delightful musical experience.

IN THE COMMUNITY

JANUARY 8 - LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP IN AUBURN AT THE DEWITT CENTER FROM 7-9 P.M. FOR INFORMATION, CALL 632-7080

JANUARY 10 - GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS BACK COUNTRY SKIING. CALL SUZANNE AT 668-0691 FOR INFO.

JANUARY 11- GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS DOWNHILL SKIING AND TELEMARKING SKIING. CALL SUZANNE AT 668-0691 FOR INFO.

JANUARY 22- PRO-CHOICE CELEBRATION: ROE VS WADE 25TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON AT CAPITOL PLAZA HALLS 1025 9TH STREET. TICKETS ARE $35. MARGARET C. CROSBY, KEYNOTE SPEAKER. MS. CROSBY IS THE ACLU ATTORNEY WHO ARGUES AND WON THE RECENT MINORS RIGHTS CASE IN THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT, REVERSING A 1987 STATE LAW REQUIRING MINORS TO OBTAIN PARENTAL CONSENT PRIOR TO HAVING AN ABORTION. FOR TICKETS, CALL 916-491-6947.

JANUARY 24 - GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS SANDHILL CRANE WATCHING. CALL SUZANNE AT 668-0691 FOR INFO.

FEBRUARY 12 - LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP IN AUBURN AT THE DEWITT CENTER FROM 7-9 P.M. FOR INFORMATION, CALL 632-7080

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SUCCESSFUL SACWNITE

Carol Rodrigues was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and lived on the island of Oahu for thirty-eight years. "I remember playing in the clear Pacific Ocean water. My dad would climb the tall coconut trees until he looked about the size of an ant to me. My brothers and I would find the soft spot on the coconut and drink the milk. Green coconuts are soft enough to be eaten with a spoon."

Carol identifies as an Hispanic lesbian. "It was a melting pot in Hawaii. I never felt different there. My roots are from Africa, Cuba, Puerto Rico, France and England. But many Hawaiians have mixed ancestry."

A late bloomer, Carol got a slow start in finding a career. "I didn't take high school seriously. I graduated and took some community college courses but I wasn't motivated and didn't understand how important an education would be to my future. In Hawaii, you have to know someone to get a good job."

"I knew from when I was a child that I was attracted to girls. I had a few affairs with women as a young adult but under pressure from my dad, I married. I was 25 when my daughter was born."

By then Carol understood the need for an education. She made sure that her daughter would have a different life. "I worked to send her to private school starting in first grade. I didn't want her to be under the thumb of domineering and oppressive people."

In 1984, escaping a bad marriage, Carol came to the Sacramento with one suitcase, leaving everything else behind. "We landed in December in the fog which I had never seen before. I never knew cold until then. I brought my daughter and the woman I was accused of having an affair with. I knew our lives were in jeopardy if we stayed in Hawaii. We become lovers here in Sacramento and spent the next 7 years together."

Carol had a series of odd jobs before being hired at San Juan School District. There, she worked her way to supervisor within three years and left after seven years to start her own cleaning business. "I had some state contracts, but the lack of a steady income was hard. There were slow paying clients to deal with and the competition for state contracts was fierce. After three years, I closed the business."

Carol met her present partner in September of 1991. "Life changed a lot after that. I came out to my mother and daughter, and have never looked back. My daughter graduated from UC Berkeley, married a wonderful man she met there and I now have two cute grandsons. I've been working part-time in my partner's business for the past five years and recently put those skills to the test when I applied and got a permanent position with the local office of a national insurance company."

"I really feel good about this job. I'm not the only minority or the only lesbian on the staff. I'm not looked at as different. That's very important to me. All of my life, I have tried to relate to people fairly, with dignity and respect, and that's all I want in return. I think everyone should be treated as an equal no matter what they do for a living, how much money they have or where they are in their life."

"This is really the land of opportunity. Many people say that Hawaii is paradise. That's an illusion created for the tourists. Many people born and raised in Hawaii are very poor. It is sad and fills me with pain. Being raised in Hawaii was difficult because everyone knows your business, there's no privacy, and no way to better yourself. It felt so hopeless. Imagine living in a 20 mile circle all of your life. There is just no escape. That's not my idea of paradise."

Success to Carol is "being happy. For me that includes having a wonderful relationship with a very special woman, enjoying the unconditional love of our dog, Hershe, and having my mom healthy, living nearby and an important part of my life. I know that I haven't compromised my integrity. I'm proud of who I am. Yes, I do feel successful!"

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